

**STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE:

**BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY
COMPANY, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS
ENERGY**

**DOCKET NOS. SPU-2015-0039
TF-2015-0352**

RESPONSE TO MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“BHE”) hereby files its Response to the Office of Consumer Advocate’s (“OCA”) Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule (“Motion”). In support of its Response, BHE states:

1. On October 18, 2016, the Iowa Utilities Board (“Board”) issued an Order Providing Notice of Hearing, Establishing Procedural Schedule, and Requiring Additional Information in the above-captioned matter. The procedural schedule requires that testimony be filed pursuant to the following schedule: BHE’s prepared direct testimony (November 7, 2016); OCA and any intervenors’ prepared responsive testimony (December 2, 2016), and; BHE’s rebuttal testimony (December 15, 2016). The joint statement of issues is due on December 21, 2016. The hearing is set for January 12, 2017, and simultaneous briefs are due on January 26, 2017.

2. On October 20, 2016, OCA filed the Motion requesting that the procedural schedule be extended to allow sufficient time for OCA to analyze BHE’s proposals, conduct discovery and prepare responsive testimony. OCA requested until December 19, 2016, to file responsive testimony.

3. BHE has reviewed OCA's Motion and does not object to an extension of the responsive testimony deadline to December 16, 2016, provided that all subsequent deadlines in this case are extended commensurately.

4. Specifically, BHE requests the following revisions to the procedural schedule:

	<u>Current Deadline</u>	<u>Proposed Deadline</u>
Responsive Testimony	December 2, 2016	December 16, 2016
Rebuttal Testimony	December 15, 2016	December 29, 2016
Joint Statement of Issues	December 21, 2016	January 6, 2017
Hearing Date	January 12, 2017	Board's first available date on or after January 26, 2017
Briefs	January 26, 2017	Two weeks after the hearing date

WHEREFORE, Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy respectfully requests that the procedural schedule be modified and that certain deadlines be extended as set forth above.

Dated October 28, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY
COMPANY, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY

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